



City of New Germany



Reminder—children are out and about. There has been many reports of people not stopping at the stop sign, and possible speeding at Park and Washington (by the park), there is many small children in this area. The law requires drivers to obey the traffic signs. Look well ahead for children, especially known areas where children play or gather; parks, ball fields, neighborhoods. Safe driving includes stopping at stop signs and obeying the speed limit. Speed limit on all city streets is 30 MPH unless there is additional signage. Wait for children to cross the street completely before moving on. Practice safe and responsible driving!

Reminder—alley weight limit is 3 ton, 10 MPH speed limit, no garbage trucks, no delivery trucks on Park Street E, not a truck route.

Brush Site

The Mayer site information is listed below. The hours of operation for the Mayer site are:

April—Nov.

Wednesday 5PM—8PM

Saturdays 8AM—Noon

Dec.—March

Saturdays 8AM—Noon

They also accept automotive batteries, clothing, cans, glass bottles, scrap metal, used motor oil, oil filters, antifreeze, and more.

Contact Carver County Environmental Services (952) 361-1800

Compost bin is located the city shed on 250 State Av N.

Ponds with Purpose

Often the small ponds seen in cities and developments are thought of as landscaping features to add beauty or increase wildlife habitat. While the ponds do that, their actual purpose is more intentional; they exist to protect lakes and rivers from pollution.

The #1 cause of pollution

These ponds are made to collect stormwater runoff. Stormwater runoff is rainwater or snowmelt that runs off of streets, parking lots, roofs and lawns. This runoff is the **#1 cause of water pollution** in the United States. Stormwater ponds capture and treat this runoff and its pollutants (heavy metals, sediment, bacteria, oils and nutrients). They prevent pollutants from getting in to lakes, rivers and wetlands and also reduce flooding by soaking up the excess water.

Why is my pond green?

Green ponds usually mean algae which is caused by excess phosphorus, a nutrient. Because stormwater ponds capture phosphorus and other pollutants they will rarely be pristine. Homeowners can unknowingly increase phosphorus levels in ponds adding to the greenness. See tips below for preventing this.

Another cause of green is duckweed. Duckweed is often mistaken for algae but it's actually great for the pond. Duckweed is a tiny, free floating green plant that can form thick blankets across a pond. It's an important food source for birds, bugs and other life. Duckweed is so good at filtering water it is even used in water treatment plants. So if its duckweed greening your pond, relax and enjoy the wildlife and water treatment it brings.

Prevent pollution in ponds

To prevent pollution and too much algae, protect the buffer around the pond. A buffer is an area of plants about 6 feet wide around the pond. Buffers slow stormwater runoff and filter pollutants. Protect buffers by leaving trees, shrubs and other plants around the pond. Do not mow down to the water's edge, this increases erosion and phosphorus in your pond.

Additional tips:

- Limit the use of fertilizers and pesticides near ponds. Fertilizers will add to algae blooms.
- Pick up and dispose of pet waste. Pet waste has bacteria and will add to algae blooms.
- Do not dump grass clippings or leaves in the pond. This will also add to algae blooms.
- Do not pour chemicals, oils, etc. in or near the pond.
- Sweep driveway and sidewalk debris into lawn or gardens; do not hose it into the street.
- Capture stormwater runoff from roofs and driveways in rain barrels or raingardens.

For more information visit www.co.carver.mn.us/ponds

Monthly Newsletter

June 2021

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Lee 612-636-2434

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Janitor—Tony Burke

Hall Rental-952-353-2488

Meetings -

Council—1st Tuesday and
3rd Tuesday 7:00

Fire Dept.—1st Mon 7:00

Planning Commission—4th
Tues 6 PM, when needed.

ANNUAL FIRE DEPT SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT -JULY 30,31 AND AUGUST 1, 2021

Softball games all weekend, amazing burgers, cold refreshments, all proceeds benefit the Fire Department! This is a great family event and a park for the kids to play in. There are other activities to watch, much fun for the entire family! Come and have a cold refreshing beverage, burger and socialize! Many Fire Departments from all over will be participating in the softball games. This is a great event for everyone, show your support for firefighters! If you would like to volunteer to work, Please call Fire Chief Ruschmeier 612-209-5641, volunteers are always needed. There will be fireworks on July 31, 10 PM.

Relief Association is who manages the charitable gambling in New Germany. They also give back to the community with the funds generated from the charitable gambling. Recently they donated \$15,000 to the FD future Truck and Bldg. Capital fund, \$2,713., to Parks, \$1000 to St Marks, and \$500 to local ball association! The Relief Association has a scholarship program. If you would like more information please contact Eric Roepke 612-968-1151. Thank you Relief Association!





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Office Hours
Mon through Thursday
8:30 am—4:30 pm
Closed Fridays


Garbage Pick-up

Reminder—If the Holiday falls on a weekday and your service day is on or after the Holiday, your service will be delayed one day. The week of 4th of July garbage is on the regular scheduled pick up day, Thursday. Call the City for any garbage changes.



The Clerk will be taking vacation July 5-8th, always closed on Friday. The part time office asst, Lisa Goede will be attending the office for a few hours daily during this time. Check the door for available days & hours.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Recyl	2 closed	3
4 	5 closed	6 Council Limited office hrs.	7 Limited office hours	8 Limited office hrs.	9 closed	10
11	12	13	14	15 Recyl	16 closed	17
18	19	20 Council	21	22	23 closed	24
25	26	27 PC mtg	28	29 Recyl	30 closed	31

FIRE WORKS

Be Safe this 4th of July and use caution with any type of firework. Remember anything that goes into the air and explodes is illegal in Minnesota. BE CAREFUL and BE SAFE!



NOTICE RESIDENTS

Please remember flushable wet wipes should not be flushed. Do not pour fats, oil or grease (FOG) down the drains. Do not flush non biodegradable items down the drain, such as cigarette butts, dental floss, disposable diapers, bandages, cotton balls and swabs, female products, medications and like items. Do not put household chemicals down the drains, such as paint and strong cleaning products. Basically the only thing you should be flushing down your toilets is human waste and toilet paper.

Sheriff number to call in complaints - all calls use 911

If you need to notify somebody of a barking dog, dog running at large (day or night), or late night noises, suspicious activity, traffic violations or fireworks, etc., or anything that is not an emergency, you still use the 911 number. **You do not need to leave a note or phone message at the city office unless you want to file a formal complaint.** The Sheriff can respond to an incident while it is happening instead of hearing about it later. You can request your name be withheld. There are some issues that need to be dealt with while they are happening for better results. Dog issues you can request a CSO Officer (community service officer), they specifically deal with animal control issues.

National Night Out

August 3—at this time it is unknown if the city will host NNO. **If you have ideas please share!**

Keep Grass Clippings on the Lawn

It's mowing season, do not blow your grass clipping onto the streets or sidewalks. **Blow clippings back on to your lawn to add FREE FERTILIZER to your lawn, not into the City's storm sewer system.**

Parks—Make sure and thank Eric Roepke whom keeps the ball parks looking amazing! Eric has many that volunteer time, we thank all of you! Eric dedicates many, many hours to the parks making improvements. Thanks Eric for the wonderful job and commitment to keeping the ball fields beautiful!!!

If you see Shirley Jaeger give her a thanks you for cleaning and maintaining the concession stands! Shirley provides the snacks, and cold beverages during ball games the entire season! Thank you Shirley! Volunteers are amazing people!! If you have extra time to donate to work in a concession stand call Shirley 952-353-2208.